

Application No.: 09/678570

Case No.: 55409US002

Remarks

Claims 1, 2, and 5-37 are pending in the application. The Examiner has agreed to rejoin previously withdrawn Claims 17-31 and 34-37 as amended herein. Claims 19 and 30 have been cancelled by this amendment. Thus claims 1, 2, 5-18, 20-29, 31-37 are pending in the application.

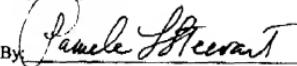
Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the wood substrate comprising the brightwork is on a boat.

Previously withdrawn claim 17 has been amended to clarify that the wood surface is on a boat, and that the aliphatic polyurethane sheet has a percent elongation of about 60% or greater. Support for this amendment may be found in the original claims (e.g. claims 19 and 30). Previously withdrawn claims 34 and 36 have also been amended to clarify that the wood surface is on a boat, and that the aliphatic polyurethane sheet has a percent elongation of about 60% or greater.

In a telephonic interview initiated by the Examiner today, the Examiner indicated that the amendments provided herein would place the case in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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